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Yes, invite Germany into the league of nations and put her in the "Amen" cor-

Those "eats 'em alive" stories which are coming out of Jess Willard's training camp look as if they were well press agented.

The divinity schools are turning out remarkably small classes this month. It isn't because of lack of opportunity to do good work.

It is not true, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, that the United States government is dependent upon fines imposed in district court in Vermont for its upkeep.

With the American winter wheat crop forecasted as the greatest ever known and with the spring wheat crop nearly up to the high record mark of last year, the food problem in the United States is likely to be much easier to solve than it has been for several years back.

Karl Muck, former director of the Boston Symphony orchestra, may find a more sympathetic audience in Europe than in the United States. His opportunities for exercising his talent would be greatly curtailed in the United States

stinacy on the part of the prosecuting excess. officer is not according to the program of

Even though a passenger walk had been erected on a railroad bridge at Newport, a woman and her daughter chose the newer states of the Middle West to walk on that side of the bridge on and other parts of the country. The flinty heart to the matrimonially inwhich there was no recognized right of way except for the railroad trains, with the result that both were killed by a train recently. Why people will persist in taking the path of danger when a place of comparative safety is provided has never been satisfactorily explained and never can be explained, probably.

Like every other town in Vermont which is traversed by railroad trains, St. Johnsbury has grade crossings, and some of the crossings in St. Johnsbury are places of great hazard, for instance, the crossing on the road leading from the main business section to Summerville. There is a steep grade at that point and then several tracks at the foot of the hill, the combination of dangers being accentuated by the obstructed vision on either side of the approach from the west. The placing of gates at that crossing would seem to be absolutely neces- script. sary for safety. However, the most recent grade crossing accident was not at that point but at a place two miles east of St. Johnsbury village and on the road to East St. Johnsbury, a freight train striking an automobile and shaking up the passenger.

Numerous pleas of guilty in United States district court at Montpelier to the charge of smuggling opium into the United States from Canada are calculated to limit the practice of smuggling in the stuff until the lesson of the results in these cases shall have worn off. Meanwhile the government agents will, of course, keep a close watch on the persons who engage in the illegal traffic or who are suspected of being concerned in the importation, so that the more hardy adventurers in the business wiff have a hard time getting through the net. Law-abiding people and those who regret the demoralizing effects of the opium on the victims of the habit should lend what assistance they can command toward the complete wiping out of the illicit trade. The progress thus far made in a good cause should be maintained, and accelerated if possible.

VERMONT'S POOR SHOWING IN NOR-

MAL POPULATION GROWTH. The story of Vermont's failure to make appreciable gains in population is partly told in the birth statistics presented by the U. S. census bureau for 1917, as contrasted with the death statistics. This report gives the figures of the 20 registration states of the country, and of the 20 Vermont stands next to the lowest in the percentage of excess of births over deaths. The only state lower is New Hampshire, which has 28.3 per cent excess of births over deaths, while Vermont has 38.1. Maine is somewhat better than Vermont with 42.7. and Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, the sother New England



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states, have a far better showing than the other three of the geographical di-Strangely enough, District Attorney vision. But none of the figures of the Tufts of Massachusetts goes right on New England states approach some of with his investigation of the terrorist the states, notably Utah, North Caro- glowing terms in which the ladies who plot which found expression in a con- lina (white population), Minnesota, Vircerted attempt to blow up houses and ginin (white population) and Wisconsin, kill occupants in eight cities. Such ob- all of which range above 100 per cent of other cities in Vermont just a little more

However, when it comes to the rate of the terrorists and must be rather discon- infant mortality, Vermont makes an im- in Barre.-Waterbury Record. provement in her standing, there being only seven states with a more satisfac-The Methodists of the United States tory record. These mortality statistics have continued the pace set in various relate to deaths of infants under one year war drives by oversubscribing their desired amount of approximately \$140,000. These latter statistics indicate that Verfor the taxation of ladies engagement 000, although New England is lagging mont is making progress in the saving of rings. - Montpelier Argus. somewhat behind in making up its quota.

But there seems to be every expectation that New England will come up to the that New England will come up to the mark before the campaign officially closes.

the New England states, which is reastened for its own community. So far as has come to attention in Barre, there is no such a policy carried out, the policy carrie

tistics, is more a state of old people than engagements. young men from the Green Mountain clined .- Barre Times. state have been drawn to other sections by the apparently more alluring prospects, leaving the more elderly to carry on the activities of the commonwealth. But there are more and more signs that the outward trend of the young population will be checked if not entirely stopped in due season and that Vermont undoubtedly suffered from the lack of will not be made to suffer so much as it articulation among the several flines has suffered in a long series of decades.

Compensation.

He-You are so frightfully tanned. -Boston Transcript.

Not Flattering to Fred.

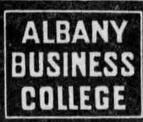
Belvidere Republican—"Fred Lewis ang three times at the Soldiers' club at Rockport last evening. Many of the members are men from overseas, accustomed to all kinds of hardships."—Boston Tran-

Revised Songs.

For the bolsheviki: Loaf for the night is coming, Loaf through the morning hours-For the substi.-saloon frequenter: We shall meet but we shall miss it, There's not even kickless beer-

or everybody: Haste thee, Peace, and bring with thee Prices as they used to be --Boston Transcript.

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No individual or community of individuals can gain the fullest success unless they do something. People and communities are like streams of water: they get

stagnant unless they move. However, Barre is not content to live on her reputation; she knows that she must "carry on," seeking new industries and other means of growth and development in order to make secure the prestige which she now holds. She is always glad to consider new opportunities which may be presented for her people to gain an honest living under decent conditions. Her people work and save, and she welcomes others to come and work and save. The fact that she is a city of working people is her

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CURRENT COMMENT

A Violent Presumption.

The Barre Times thinks the appoint-

Barre as a Convention City.

Barre is fast getting the reputation of of their entertainment will tend to make receptive. This much is true, Barre has

Barre Absolved.

Rutland points to its tax rate of \$2.20 and as compared to that of Barre, which

the small excess of births over deaths. icy of assessing prospective brides for rary would be more explicit and inform he public what municipality turns the

We hasten to absolve Barre of such short sighted policy.—Montpelier Argus.

Railroad Future of New England.

What Director-General Hines said conrning the future of the New England railroads the other evening will be warmendorsed by all who are acquainted with the situation. New England has which serve this portion of the country. When the railroads are returned to their owners some rational plan of consolifation ought not only to be permitted He—You are so frightfully tanned.

She (just back from shore)—I know, but I match my shoes now, perfectly.

Boston Transcript have a unified and smooth-working ransportation policy.

The national government, during its relatively short era of operating experience, has learned one great lesson. It has found out that its old policy of aounding the roads, forbidding them to consolidate, and denying them adequate income was unfortunate both in its conception and in its consequences. If the recommendations of Director Hines are followed the government will now comnel the roads to do exactly what it haled them into court for trying to do some

years ago.

And the government is not alone in

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its reversal of old opinions. The public that minimum. Detroit had three-cent has learned more wisdom concerning workingmen's fares. Other cities hoped

The Obsolete Nickel.

the railroad situation in the last two to effect similar economies. But the years than in the preceding twenty. We standard remained at five cents. Now a no longer hear anything about the econfound in the smaller cities equipped with car lines. In Cleveland, the three-cent city, fare has risen to five cents with

omy or the efficiency of public opera- tric Railway association shows that the tion. Even Mr. Hines realizes what five-cent fare is rapidly vanishing and people now think of that doctrine. "We may be doomed to extinction. Of 227 ought to get back as far as possible," he cities in the United States and Canada ment of Frank D. Thompson of Barton as reporter of the supreme court means that ultimately he will be elevated to the bench. As Hon. Frank Plumley would say, this may be a "violent pre-Among the numerous evils following an extra cent for a transfer. In 155 in the train of war is the abolition of communities the fare is now six cents. the old-time trolley fare. A nibkel was In many cities the fare is raised to seven attended the Vermont Federation of the old-time trolley fare. A nibkel was In many cities the fare is raised to seven Women's Clubs at Barre last week speak formerly the almost universally accepted or eight cents. In 27 cities it is 10 cents. standard. Not one citizen in a million Some other cities with a lower rate for expected ever to see the time when a daytime charge 10 cents for "owl serv-car ride would cost more than that. The ice." Montreal charges 15 cents for owl some whole-soul citizens—the self-made kind. The snobbish rich class do not live downward. Cleveland established three-economy in patronizing street cars. Peocent fare, on a sliding scale based on ple might as well buy automobiles, exactual cost of service, and succeededpret-ty steadily in holding the fare down to —Brockton Times.

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